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SUBJECT: DPC MEETING, JUNE 27, 1974: PROPOSED FUTURE STRUCTURE
OF THE NETHERLANDS ARMED FORCES

REF: A. STATE 138032; B. STATE 138033

SUMMARY. AT MEETING, JUNE 27, DPC APPROVED TEXT FOR SYG TO
FORWARD TO NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT NATO'S UNCLASSIFIED VIEWS
ON THE DUTCH DEFENSE PLAN; APPROVED SUBSTANCE OF TEXT FOR
SYG TO FORWARD TO NETHERLANDS PRIME MINISTER NATO'S CLASSIFIED
VIEWS; AND DRAFTED TEXT WHICH NETHERLANDS PERM REP BELIEVED
WOULD SATISFY HIS GOVERNMENT'S NEED FOR A STUDY OF NATO'S
STRATEGY. ACTION REQUESTED: UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED,
WE INTEND TO APPROVE DRAFT TEXT CALLING FOR ACCELERATED
PREPARATION OF NEW MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE. END SUMMARY.

1. AT DPC MEETING JUNE 27, SYG LUNS REFERRED TO THE ATLANTIC
DECLARATION'S REAFFIRMATION THAT COMMON DEFENSE IS ONE AND
INDIVISIBLE. HE BELIEVED THE DECLARATION'S CREDIBILITY WOULD
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NOT BE ENHANCED BY UNWILLINGNESS TO ABIDE BY ITS UNDERTAKINGS
AND CALLED ON NETHERLANDS PERM REP HARTOGH FOR ANY FURTHER
REVISIONS HE HAD TO THE DRAFT DEFENSE PLAN.

2. HARTOGH DELIVERED STATEMENT (SEPTTEL) WHICH CONTAINED NEW NETHERLANDS' POSITIONS ON HAWK UNITS AND ON CONSIDERING FURTHER NATO VIEWS.

3. ADM HILL-NORTON (CHAIRMAN, MC) REPORTED NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES' VIEW THAT ON THE BASIS OF INFORMATION AVAILABLE, NETHERLANDS REVISIONS DID NOT JUSTIFY ANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN THE EARLIER ASSESSMENT SUBMITTED BY THE MILITARY COMMITTEE. DE STAERCKE (BELGIUM) LAUDED HILL-NORTON'S IMPARTIAL ASSESSMENT.

4. PRENDERGAST (US) MADE STATEMENT DRAWN FROM STATE 138032, REFERRED TO PARAGRAPH 6 OF THE ATLANTIC DECLARATION CONCERNING EUROPEAN UNDERTAKINGS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE COMMON DEFENSE, RECALLED THE DPC MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE AGAINST UNILATERAL REDUCTIONS AND QUOTED PRESIDENT NIXON'S RENEWED PLEDGE ON US FORCES AND HIS STATEMENT AGAINST UNILATERAL REDUCTIONS.

5. KRAPF (FRG) EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER NETHERLANDS REDUCTIONS, THEIR CONTAGIOUS EFFECT AND THEIR REPERCUSSIONS FOR MBFR AND IN THE UNITED STATES.

6. SYG LUNS THEN LED PARAGRAPH-BY-PARAGRAPH DISCUSSION OF TWO TEXTS ISSUED JUST PRIOR TO MEETING. AFTER LENGTHY DRAFTING, DPC APPROVED TEXT FOR SYG TO FORWARD TO NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT NATO'S UNCLASSIFIED VIEWS ON THE DUTCH DEFENSE PLAN AND TEXT FOR SYG TO FORWARD NATO'S CLASSIFIED VIEWS TO NETHERLANDS PRIME MINISTER (MISSION RECONSTRUCTION OF BOTH TEXTS IN SEPTTEL). FORMER TEXT IS TO BE UNCLASSIFIED AS OF 1500 LOCAL JUNE 28.

7. HARTOGH REPEATED NETHERLANDS NEED FOR REFERENCE TO A NEW STUDY AND CIRCULATED DRAFT DECISION (DEVELOPED ON THE BASIS OF CONSULTATIONS WITH THE UK PRIOR TO THE MEETING). IN RESPONSE TO QUERIES CONCERNING URGENCY OF DECISION ON A STUDY, HARTOGH SAID, OFF-THE-RECORD: MAJOR DUTCH POLITICAL PARTY IN GOVERNMENT HAD PLEDGED TO REDUCE DEFENSE EXPENDITURES BY CONFIDENTIAL

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1.5 BILLION GULDERS; HOWEVER, DRAFT DEFENSE PLAN DID NOT ENTAIL EXPENDITURE REDUCTIONS; AS A RESULT, NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT NEEDED TO BE ABLE TO REFER TO A NEW STUDY INITIATIVE TO PREVENT FURTHER REDUCTIONS IN DRAFT DEFENSE PLAN.

8. AFTER LENGTHY DISCUSSION, DPC AGREED THAT DRAFT WITH AMENDMENTS SUGGESTED BY US REP, WOULD BE ADDRESSED BY DPC FOLLOWING MORNING MEETING OF NAC JUNE 28. HARTOGH BELIEVED DRAFT WOULD FULFILL HIS GOVERNMENT'S NEED FOR A NEW STUDY INITIATIVE.

9. TEXT OF DRAFT FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: THE DEFENSE PLANNING COMMITTEE AGREED THAT, IN ORDER TO ACCELERATE STUDY OF THE MORE EFFICIENT USE OF THE DEFENSE RESOURCES OF NATO NATIONS, THE PREPARATION OF MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE FOR THE PERIOD 1977-1982 SHOULD BE PUT IN HAND AT ONCE WITH A VIEW TO THE KEY ELEMENTS BEING SUBMITTED FOR MINISTERIAL CONSIDERATION AT THE DPC-MEETING LATER THIS YEAR. THE AIM SHOULD BE TO MAKE THIS NEW MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE MORE DEFINITIVE AND PRECISE BOTH AS TO RESOURCES AND PRIORITIES. END QUOTE.

10. SINCE ITS LANGUAGE CLOSELY PARALLELS SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S INITIATIVE, WE INTEND TO APPROVE ABOVE DRAFT AT DPC MEETING JUNE 28.
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